

**THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY,
INDIANA, HELD A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE THIRD FLOOR ASSEMBLY
ROOM OF THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15,
2007.**

Mr. Kochert called the public hearing to order at 7:17 p.m. and asked if there was any one to speak on A-07-03.

Mrs. Garry explained that this is a homeland Security Grant and they reimburse you for the equipment after you inform them as to what has been purchased. She stated that they have received the reimbursement for the equipment that was purchased.

Fred Metzmeier, owner of Seaweed Diver, presented information regarding the spending of this money and stated that his business was over-looked. He stated that they are the only store in the city that sells this equipment and they are Homeland Security approved. He asked if bids went out and who got the money. He stated that he had a meeting with Mr. Carl and Mr. Toran and he learned that the stuff that was bought was from contacts and magazines. He stated that the city is always talking about economic development but that they over-look businesses that are already here. He claimed that the city is supposed to get bids on items that will cost \$25,000 or more and they did not do this.

Mrs. Garry explained that second class cities do not have to get bids unless a purchase is \$75,000 or more.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the particulars of the process for receiving quotes and bids.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Larry Kochert, President
Common Council, City of New Albany

ATTEST: _____
Marcey J. Wisman, City Clerk

*Public Hearing February 15, 2007
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